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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF BURUNDI COUP: BURUNDI EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON

1. AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE BURUNDI COUP WAS THE
ADMIRABLE JOB WHICH THE BURUNDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DID
KEEPING THE BURUNDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON INFORMED OF
THE EVENTS. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEW
REGIME'S VARIOUS COMMUNIQUE'S ALMOST AS TIMELY AS THE
DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THEM. AMBASSADOR NZEYIMANA AND CHARGE
SAMBIRA MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO DISCREETLY ASSURE THAT
DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED.

2. ON NOVEMBER 5 BURUNDI EMBASSY DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT
NOTE VERBALE FORMALLY EXPLAINING THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.
ATTACHED TO NOTE VERBALE WAS A COPY OF THE NOVEMBER 2
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RADIO COMMUNIQUE BROADCASTED IN THE NAME OF COLONEL

BAGAZA PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

3. ON NOVEMBER 8 EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT NZEYIMANA HAD DEPARTED PREVIOUS DAY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN BURUNDI BEGINNING NOVEMBER 9.

4. ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT'S PROTOCOL OFFICE, IF NEW REGIME

INTENDS FOR NZEYIMANA TO RETURN TO US AS AMBASSADOR, HE WILL NEED NEW CREDENTIALS (E.G. LETTERS OF RECALL, AND ACCREDITATION) SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF NEW REGIME. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE COULD OBTAIN THE NEW CREDENTIALS WHILE ON CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, WE WILL LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER AND HOW YOU WISH TO SUGGEST THIS TO NZEYIMANA OR GRB. KISSINGER

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